world for the shipping traffic if so, in what manner their charges compare with those of U.S.;

(b) whether the high port charges of Indian Ports responsible for under-utilisation of trade potential in international market; and

(c) if so, what are the details of measures being considered to rationalise the port charges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The basis for levy of port charges varies from Country to Country. Most of the leading foreign Ports do not have published tariff or include multiple services with composite tariff, which make comparison with foreign ports difficult. Charges also vary from commodity to commodity and service to service. It is therefore not possible to assume nor is correct to say that Indian Ports are the costliest in the world.

(b) and (c) Port charges form an insignificant part of overall cost of transporting a commodity. It is therefore not correct to say that high port charges are responsible for under utilisation of trade potential in international market. Rationalisation of tariff structure under implementation now is mainly in the nature of simplification of existing tariff structures by way of charging break-bulk cargo on *ad-valorem* basis, marger of charges for ancillary services with those for main services etc.

Travelling on roof tops of trains

2673. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that roof travelling on trains continues unabated in Bihar, particularly during the festivals;

(b) what are the names of the other States where this mode of travel is being resorted to;

(c) what is the total number of persons who are killed every year due to roof travelling;

(d) what are the reasons for which the Railways are unable to anticipate the rush of passengers, well in advance and make suitable arrangements to provide more coaches or run special trains; and

(e) what action has been taken against the delinquent officials of the railway police and ticket examiners, during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Some cases of roof travelling have come to notice in respect of trains running over Eastern, North Eastern and Western Railways.

(c) 3 persons in 1986 and 2 persons in 1987 were killed due to roof travelling.

(d) To cater to the rush of passengers during festivals/vacations, train accommodation capacity is augmented to the extent possible by providing additional coaches or by running special trains.

(e) No staff negligence has come to the notice of the Railways. The Railway Police function under the charge of State Governments concerned

Promotion of Post Graduate Teachers before their seniors

2674. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Post Graduate Teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas have been promoted before their seniors during the current academic session;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether AIKVTA has represented against it; and

(d) if so what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. 42 Post Graduate Teachers offered promotion as Vice-Principal have superseded their seniors. This is in conformity with the Recruitment Rules which provide that promotion from Post Graduate Teachers to the post of Vice-Principal will be made on the basis of seniority-cum-merit. The merit list is prepared according to the grading made by the Departmental Promotion Committee.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Provision for Departmental Examination for Post Graduate Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas

2675. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a provision for Departmental Examination for Post Graduate Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, what are the details of eligibility, pass marks, etc.;

(c) whether any weightage to the passing of this examination is given in the selection to the post of Principal. Kendriya Vidyalayas,

(d) whether there is any provision for re-checking/revaluation of answer scripts; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Post Graduate Teachers in the Kendriya Vidyalayas who have completed minimum of ten years service in the grade (in the Sangathan) as on first July of the year of the examination can appear in the test on voluntary basis. Pass marks is 33% in each of the three subjects and 35% in aggregate.

(c) In accordance with the decision of the Board of Governors taken in the 35th meeting held on 28-10-1978, PGTs with 10 years experience who pass this examination get relaxation of 3 years administrative experience which is one of the essential qualifications for direct recruitment to the post of Principal.

(d) and (e) Re-totalling and checking of the unmarked portion of the answer script is considered if a candidate applies for it.

Assistant Divisional Medical Officers in Railway

2676. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:
SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Assistant Divisional Medical Officers in Railway hospitals;

(b) what is the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes among them; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes doctors is less than their reservation quota; if so, by when government propose to fill up the quota?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.